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The truth is floating...
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The Sage's Dream
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by Aki
In my sleep.

In my dream, I heard a voice...
I do not know whose voice it is...
Is it a voice of a man or a woman?
I do not know.
But I do not even know if it was really a voice or if I really heard it...

Only a clear will with a clear language keeps echoing in my head.

DIE!
Chirp
Chirp
Chirp

Chirp
Chirp
Chirp
SFX Rustle
.....
it hap-pened again
My clan is called..
Oracle.

Good morning!
Good morning!
Regina-sama
Good morning!
Step
Ah, morning
Morning
.....
?

Morning
Rante
Yo!
Morning, "Angel".
Well well
Already complaining this early in the morning!
How many times have I told you that sitting here is dangerous and yet you are sitting here again!
WHAT?!
That's not the problem...
Your Majesty
Our Angel is here!
Your Majesty
Looks like I'm right!
?
Reguna...
Uhm... Ah...
?

It's useless to place that guy as a watchman!
Uhm
"That guy"?
We're talking about Paris...
He didn't stop you at the gate?
Nope He wasn't there
I see...
Argh! That idiot!
He's really hopeless...
Your Majesty...
The preparations are now complete It's now ready to launch I will start the count-down...
WHAT?! Three!
What...
Is that thing?
Two!
Hmm

How should I explain it ...
It's that thing ...
You know
WAIT! HOLD ON!
I'M NOT MENTALLY PREPARED!
One!
WAIT!
STOP!
Tell me ...
Now!
Oh
It will launch soon
AH!
SFX: push
SFX: Boom

SFX: thud

WHAT ARE YOU GUYS DOING?!
That's not true...
Like I said...
The original plan was...
To compress the air under the vase and then re-- lease it...
Catch
And Rante would catch the vase from his position.
So...
The pressure, height, and angle have been thoroughly calculated

Why were you keeping this a secret from me
And to go as far as to have a good-for-nothing guy as a watchman?
Uhm... It's because...
If I told you about it, you would have gotten angry.
The fact that you hid it from me makes me even angrier!
IN THE END, YOU ARE STILL ANGRY!
Idiot!
Moreover, I've told you countless times
That you should leave that kind of develop-ment to the military
I just told you that it's not a weapon!
It's common knowledge that someone of your position shouldn't get involved in dangerous experiments!
If the senate gets word of this incident, heaven knows what they will say!
Worse comes to worst, you Your Majesty, might also be suspected of having some kind of untrust-worthiness with the military
Please realize that you are this country's king

I know
Of the conse-quences
Well, then
Alright! That's enough
Let's end it here!!
End of discussion Topic closed!
The important thing is that there were no casu-alties.
Jeez Angel...
If you are that angry, His Majesty will be even more secretive with you.
But..
So.
You need to talk to him calmly Try not to be so emo-tional
!

Hm
Excuse me!
Your Majesty, everyone has assem-bled...
Please make your way to the hall
Got it...
Let's go
Okay.
What's today's agen-da?
Lord Feruman Matroze wants an audience
And the senate as well
Okay, got it.
SFX : Swoosh

You look like you are deep in thought
Are you still displeased of what happened just now?
If you look unhappy, His Majesty will feel unhappy as well
Don't worry
I just woke up from a bad dream this morning
A dream?!
That's quite unexpected coming from you
Unex-- pected?
Well .

I didn't expect that...
Angel could be perplexed by a dream.
I've always pictured you as a person that never feels perplexed about anything
"There is no doubt in the angel's words...
For those are the words of God."
I sense sar--casm...
.....
I didn't mean it like that at all...
Though I'll admit that there is a deeper meaning to it!
SFX tap

SFX: Clank
SFX: creak
SALUTE!

We are the blades of wis-dom
Gathered here by the decree of heaven and holding to the way of heaven, we offer our bodies to you

WE PLEDGE OUR LOYALTY TO THE EMPEROR!
WE PLEDGE OUR LOYALTY TO THE EMPEROR!

Thank you for your patience
Deberto ...
I'm sorry for making you come all the way out here
Don't worry about it, it's alright
I have nothing important to do right now anyway...
On the other hand, I know that our Angel is very busy, yet .
You spe-- cially spared some of your time to come to the senate

So what brings you here?
I want to talk to you.
Oh! You want to discuss something with me?
Haha! I feel honoured.
What is it?
I had an Oracle's dream.
When did you have it?
This morning...
No...
I had it before, but the voice was very vague...
However, these past few days, it has become very clear.
Have you reported this to His Majesty?
.....

Well
What is this Oracle's dream about?
Was it bad?
Well
It speaks of killing
Oh no, forgive me
If it was something that you could report to His Majesty, you wouldn't have come to see me, right?
Speaks of killing?!
Yes
Just one word...
"DIE"
From the strength of the voice, I do not think the owner of the voice is far away That is all I can tell
The problem is...

There are no other clues
Yes
So you're saying
Someone close to His Majesty is trying to kill him...?
Right.
However, I don't have any solid evidence.
His Majesty will not listen to me if I tell him to be cautious just based on a voice I heard in my dream
I'm sure he won't either
In our generation, an Oracle used to have absolute authority
Unfortu-nately, the numbers of Oracles have been gradually decreasing over the years
That's really unfortunate, especially when many utter the same word, the impact is very strong...
One man's word would only be seen as fooli-shness
.....

You are one of these people hence you come here to see what you can do
On top of that...
These past few days, you have been thinking
About how to figure out who the voice's owner is...
And the fact that you can't let His Majesty be aware of this yet
Am I right?
The dream is an absolute truth for them and there would be no room for doubt
Having said that, it's completely different for the people that received an Oracle's dream
.....
It's just as you say

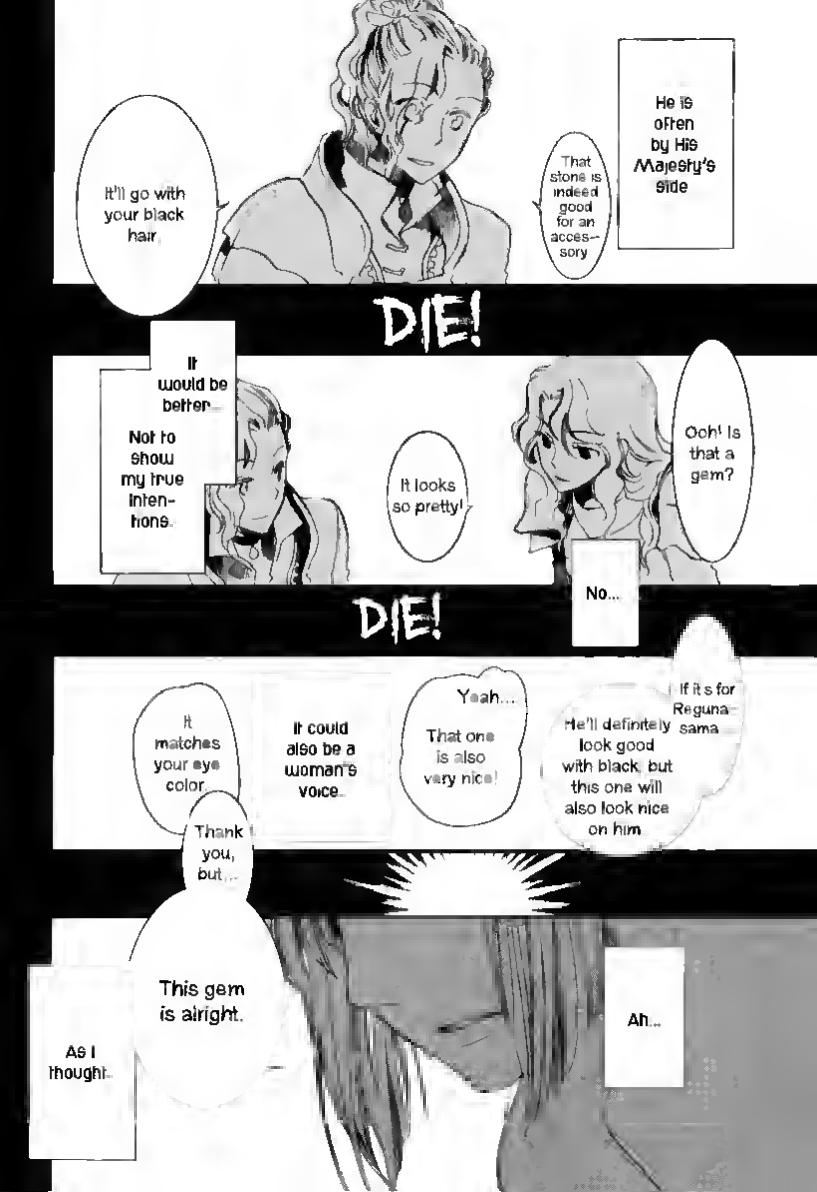
How about
Reguna
.....
An Aruo-sumente* ritual ?
Would you like to attempt one?
T/N. Aruosumente literally means Sage's dream.
!
What
An Aruo-sumente
Ritual?

I do not know if it is a legend ...
Or just a rumor .
Anyways ...
From what I've heard ...
It is some kind of a divination ritual...
And if you do it right, a sage-like kind of thing will appear in your dream
I see...
Nowa-days, that divination ritual has been abo-lished...
But before... that ritual was used widely, just like an Oracle's dream
The method was quite simple...
You only needed to sleep while holding a philosopher's stone that was wrapped in a holy white cloth
But because of the simplicity of the method, the results would depend greatly on the capability of the summoner...
What do you think? Is this way more reliable than some strange ritual out there?
.....
Reguna ...
I think your Oracle's dream is right...
But the problem is that we cannot let others know about it yet

In that case...
It wouldn't be a bad idea to consult with other sages who have experienced the same dream
Having said that, right now...
If there are still people who can have an Oracle's dream
Perhaps you are the last one...
Reguna
DIE!
Who does that voice...
Belong to?
Oh?

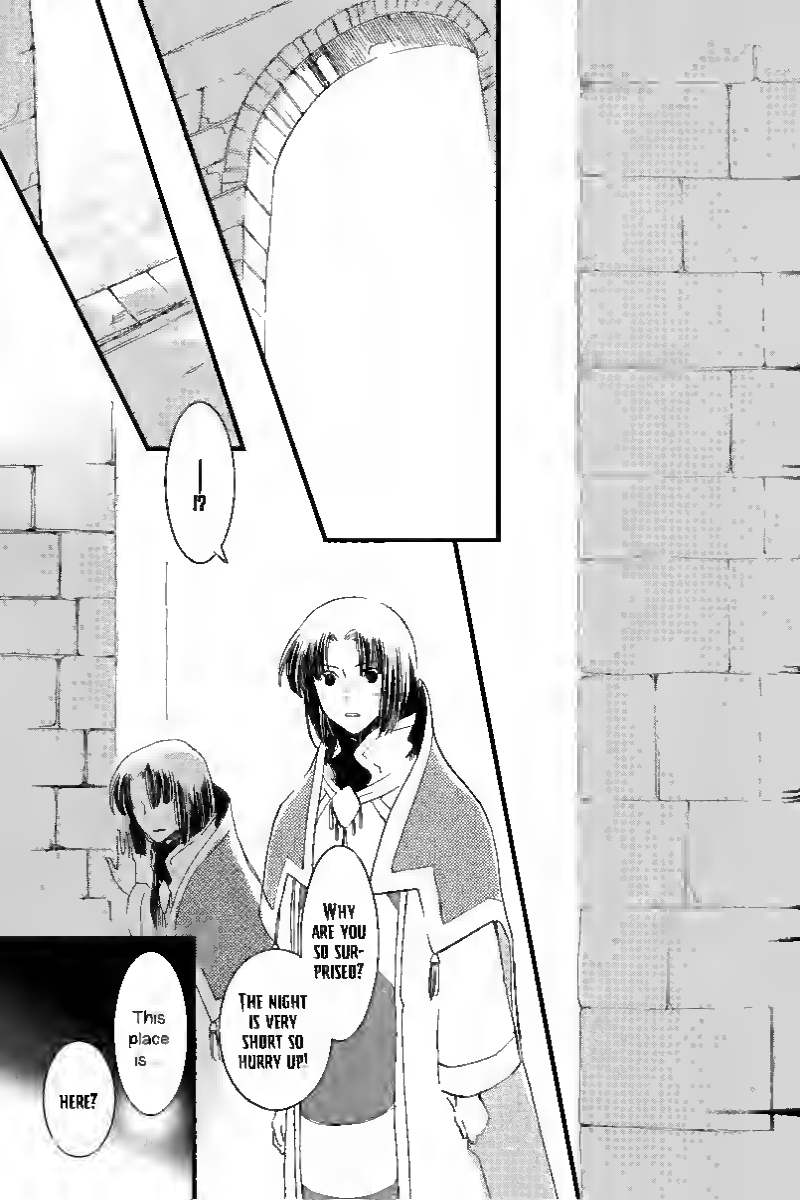
Who are you going to present it to?
You're wrong
It's for myself
You don't need to lie. That's quite a big gem!
Angel's buying a gem?
What a rare sight!
And it's black.
What are you planning on using it for?
Ehm
The book said it is better to use a black gem
Huh?
It's no-- thing
How much is it?
It's
This much
Shocked
It's a philo-- sopher's stone!
Oh,
I see!

Love Divinations!!
The Aruosumente ritual is very popular for love divinations!
Be-cause you bought that stone!
Why do you think that?
Huh?
Uhm
You must have a girl that you have your eyes on!
He might also be the owner of that voice.
Who's the lucky princ-ess?
I would have never guessed that you'd have one
To be reduced to this extent
What then?
Are you going to use it as an acces-sory?
Whoa!
Huh?
You're not?
I'm not using it for a love divina-tion
Oh
I'm going to use it as an acces-sory.
You're right...
.....
Ah, but...
That's right. This stone is going be used to attempt an Aruosumente ritual.


He is often by His Majesty's side
That stone is indeed good for an acces-sory
It'll go with your black hair.
DIE!
It would be better... Not to show my true inten-tions.
It looks so pretty!
Ooh! Is that a gem?
No...
DIE!
It matches your eye color.
It could also be a woman's voice.
Yeah... That one is also very nice!
If it's for Reguna-sama... He'll definitely look good with black, but this one will also look nice on him.
Thank you, but...
This gem is alright.
As I thought.
Ah...

I need to do something about that voice.
I have prepared ...
A black philosopher stone and a white holy cloth.
I just need to hold it while I sleep and it will work just fine.
Then...
Dark abyss of the night...
From the bottom of chaos and confusion.

SFX. Clap Clap
COME.
AND...
LET US START...
REGUNA.


!?
WHY ARE YOU SO SURPRISED?
THE NIGHT IS VERY SHORT SO HURRY UP!
This place is
HERE?

THIS PLACE IS...
INSIDE YOUR DREAM.
I AM...
A SAGE THAT LIVES IN YOUR DREAM.
COME REGUNA...
I'LL LISTEN TO YOUR PROB-LEMS.
Who is this Sage...?

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